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Inter-Office Memorandum

February 29, 1992

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To Dick Cooke

From Ken Rone

Copies to Jim Post

Subject Progress Report for
Week Ending 2/28/92

Steve Sheridan

George Wells

A lost time accident was incurred. While attempting to open a rail car door, Leah Bergman strained her back.

Acceptance tours were made on the reclaim belt systems, the Freight Elevator, the Baghouse, the Cooling Tower, the Shop/Whse and the high pressure compressors. As usual, Dick, there are assorted minor problems which make their way to a punch list and taken care of at a future date.

Last week plant tours were given to Ed Miller, Ralph Clark and members of the U of W Ceramic Engineering faculty. Two additional team members were hired, including Gerry Brown, our new Safety/Environmental Mgr. George Clark left on Thursday after announcing his resignation on Monday.

All spare part decisions were finalized during your last visit and turned over to Stan Webb for ordering. The used 988 loader was ordered. Ben will contact the dealer to negotiate the addition of the fire suppression systems and the expanded fuel tank.

Ralph Jones is setting up a meeting between Cyclonaire and Don Merlino to discuss the single pod weighing system. The Cyclonaire work will begin Monday.

The Fuller training continued during the week. We are concerned about the content of the electrical training and will discuss this with Mr. Veneucci. He has asked to see copies of our video taping efforts which may assist our case. An earlier meeting to discuss the contractual responsibilities of Fuller Co. relative to training expenses and equipment has moved them to greater self sufficiency with their program. I will install another door to the upstairs offices to avoid interruptions of the classes by pass-thru traffic.

We pointed out to Fuller that phones and in-service lights are missing from the installation package on the Alimak elevators. We will backcharge for the telephones. They will look into the in-service lights.

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I advised LaFarge that we would not be taking any further clinker. We will be able to ship their cement out by barge if necessary.

Bob, Stan and Mike Ralls moved into their new offices in the Shop/Whse. Eric took over Stan's old office. Temporary help was brought in for office assistance. Also, temporary help was present in the Building & Grounds department. The latter should be eliminated when the one new Production Specialist and three Production Assistants join the team.

Bob Monroe and Ralph Jones agree that the Clinker Transfer Conveyor truss system is adequately designed.

We will be soliciting bids for dredging and well drilling this coming week. I doubt that we will be ready to initiate dredging prior to the river closure on April 1.

We resolved questions with Baugh over a.) deficiencies in their plans for tower FAA lighting (we gave them the regulation booklet and are leaving the design decisions to them), b.) city inspection of paving (not required) and c.) additional paving North of the Finish Mill (Baugh will form and place, AGC will supply concrete).

An anonymous caller informed the Coast Guard, who in turn notified us and the DOE, that we were pumping acid into the Duwamish. Dan was also contacted by a D. W. Close electrician with the same information. Actually, the issue involved a Merlino crew running a dewatering pump from their excavation, directly into the river. We had Merlino reroute to our pond and Dan contacted both regulatory agencies and explained the situation. Dan did an excellent job of defusing the issue and all parties seemed happy with the outcome.

Construction activity included erection work at the G-cooler, pulverized coal line and the raw coal feed systems. Insulation remains incomplete at the Coal Mill dedust and the Loesche Mill bypass, awaiting delivery of lagging. Paving is going down as fast as it can be formed up. Other areas are being prepared for their final grade. The coal mill access was poured but appears to lack the access ramp we expected. I will look into this further. Dust Collector work is resulting in thru-the-roof penetrations atop the Clinker Silos. Electrical cable is being pulled and terminated. Check out of the control system has been completed for the Baghouse, Group II Silos, most of the Finish Mill and some of the Loesche Mill. Work has resumed to complete the Clinker Shed conveyor. The Limerock Dock bridge beams have been set.

Next week we will continue the training, assign an acting Mechanical Supervisor, begin the Cyclonaire project, prepare the monthly reports, purchase a 486, 120MB CAD computer and continue to set up the engineering area. We will process applicants for the Quality Specialist and Mechanical Supervisor position.

